

Remarks

This is a response to the Restriction Requirement of March 11, 2009. The Examiner has restricted the claims into eight (8) groups:

1. Claim 16, drawn to a method ... wherein the organic compound is ... of Formula I;
2. Claim 16, drawn to a method ... wherein the organic compound is ... of Formula II;
3. Claim 16, drawn to a method ... wherein the organic compound is ... of Formula III;
4. Claims 1, 24-33 and 35-37, drawn to a method ... wherein the organic compound is ... of Formula IV;
5. Claim 34, drawn to a product ... wherein the organic compound is ... of Formula I;
6. Claim 34, drawn to a product ... wherein the organic compound is ... of Formula II;
7. Claim 34, drawn to a product ... wherein the organic compound is ... of Formula III; and
8. Claim 34, drawn to a product ... wherein the organic compound is ... of Formula IV.

Applicants elect Group 4 covering claims 1, 24-33, and 35-37.

An election of species requirement has also been made. Applicants elect the compound species of Formula IV, wherein $R_8 = \text{Ph}$, $R_9 = \text{OMe}$, $R_{10} = \text{CO}_2\text{Et}$, and $R_{11} = \text{H}$. Claims readable on the elected group and species are believed to be claims 1, 24, 26-33 and 35-37.

On page 4 of the Office Action, claims 1, 4-15, 17-23, 31-33, and 35-37 are stated to link invention Groups (1)-(3), of which claims 1, 31-33, and 35-37 are also stated as being included in the invention Group (4) (the Office Action, page 3). Applicants respectfully submit the restriction requirement among the linked inventions (1)-(4) be withdrawn upon the indication of allowability of the linking claim(s), as correctly acknowledged by the Examiner (the Office Action, page 4). Applicants further respectfully request clarification with respect to the characterization of the invention Groups (5)-(8), as claim 34 does not recite any

particular compound structures, let alone Formula I, II, III, or IV. In fact, the Examiner has characterized claim 34 as a generic claim (the Office Action, page 11).

Applicants believe this response to be complete in all respects. However, if the Examiner believes that clarification, further election, or further discussion is required, she is invited to telephone applicants attorney at the number given below.

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Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is requested. If the Examiner notes any minor errors, she is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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